

By: Hughes

S.R. No. 24

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Robert Lawrence Sprouse of Longview on May 3, 2025, at
3 the age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Camp County on March 18, 1935, Robert
5 Sprouse was the son of Eva and William Sprouse and grew up in
6 various East Texas communities in the company of his five siblings,
7 Betty, Bill, Richard, Roy, and Sue; he graduated from Pittsburg
8 High School in 1953 and briefly attended Tyler Junior College
9 before enlisting in the U.S. Army; upon his discharge, he enrolled
10 at East Texas State Teachers College, where he acted in school
11 productions; he met his future wife, Rosalee, while appearing in a
12 play for which she served as assistant director, and the couple
13 married in August 1959, beginning a union that spanned almost 66
14 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Sprouse embarked on a rewarding career in
16 education; he served as a math teacher in public schools for three
17 years, and after five years of employment as a computer
18 programmer/analyst in the early 1960s, he went on to teach computer
19 science at Kilgore College for nearly a quarter century; he also
20 earned a master's degree and completed the coursework for a
21 doctorate in the subject; and

22 WHEREAS, Blessed with a devoted family, Mr. Sprouse took
23 great pride in his children, David and Lisa, and he loved spending
24 time with his loved ones and attending the extracurricular events

1 of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a man of faith, he
2 was a dedicated member of First United Methodist Church for more
3 than a half century; in his leisure time, he traveled to all 50
4 states and more than 40 other countries in the company of
5 Mrs. Sprouse, and he was an avid fan of the Pine Tree High School
6 boys' basketball team as well as the Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers
7 and the Boston Celtics; and

8 WHEREAS, While the death of Robert Sprouse brings
9 immeasurable sorrow to his family and friends, he leaves behind a
10 legacy that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
13 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Lawrence
14 Sprouse and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family:
15 to his wife, Rosalee Sprouse; to his son, Dr. David Sprouse, and his
16 wife, Jeri; to his daughter, Lisa Cauble, and her husband, Ky; to
17 his grandchildren, Morgan Merriman and her husband, Michael, Taylor
18 Sprouse and his wife, Brittney, Grace Cauble and her husband, Alex
19 Cruz-Aguilar, and Michael Cauble and his fiancée, Dr. Winter Tate;
20 to his great-grandchildren, Camden, River, and Hudson Sprouse and
21 Crockett and Georgia Merriman; to his sister, Betty Dyer; and to his
22 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
25 day, it do so in memory of Robert Sprouse.